

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND PROFESSOR SELECTED TO RECEIVE VFIC'S H. HITER HARRIS, JR. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA— The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) has selected **KimMarie McGoldrick**, professor of economics and Joseph A. Jennings Chair of Business at University of Richmond, as the 2010 recipient of *The Hiter H. Harris, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*. The award recognizes McGoldrick for her clear and abiding commitment to the craft of classroom teaching, the teaching-learning process, and the development of each student as an individual.



The Harris Award was created through an endowment gift from the family of the late Hiter Harris Jr., a leading Virginia banker and a member of VFIC's board from 1973-98 and includes a stipend to support the recipient's scholarly research and professional development activities. The Harris family endowed the award to highlight the special features of VFIC colleges and universities by recognizing faculty members "whose professional history reflects a strong, clear and abiding commitment to excellence in classroom teaching within the undergraduate liberal arts and sciences."

In announcing the 2010 Harris Award recipient, Robert Woltz, chairman of VFIC and president of Verizon Communications in Virginia, noted that "the selection committee focused on four criteria in the review process – the nominee's impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching and learning; contributions to undergraduate education in the institution, community and profession; and, endorsements from colleagues and current or former students. We are pleased to recognize Dr. McGoldrick for her 17-year commitment to the students at the University of Richmond and around the country."

A graduate of S.U.N.Y. Oswego with a Ph.D. from S.U.N.Y, Binghamton, "Dr. McGoldrick is a scholar of economics who creates an extraordinary educational environment in her own classroom, and then graciously shares her knowledge and approach with the rest of the teaching world in an effort to infuse excitement in campuses across the country," notes Stephen Allred, provost and vice president for academic affairs at University of Richmond. "She has organized a dozen economics education workshops at the state and national levels to share her innovative, problem-based approach to teaching. She is co-editor of a book on concepts and models for service learning in economics and regularly incorporates community-based learning into her courses, to the great benefit of the citizens, government and business owners of Richmond."

In receiving the prestigious award, McGoldrick joins the two prior Harris Award recipients, Arthur H. Goldsmith, professor of economics at Washington and Lee University, and Lawrence D. Hultgren, professor of philosophy at Virginia Wesleyan College.

VFIC, founded in 1952, is a non-profit organization which raises funds and coordinates collaborative programs to strengthen 15 leading independent colleges and universities in Virginia:

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Hampden-Sydney College	Shenandoah University
Hollins University	Sweet Briar College
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Mary Baldwin College	Virginia Wesleyan College
Marymount University	Washington and Lee University
Randolph College	

VFIC has generated over \$131 million to strengthen Virginia's independent college sector and is nationally recognized for the innovative projects and programs it has developed for these institutions.

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